

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN KEN (KIM) HANSEN**, on January 26, 2005  
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Jon Tester (D)

**Staff Present:** Annie Glover, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 259, 1/21/2005; SB 277,  
1/21/2005  
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00\_\_\_\_\_

**HEARING ON SB 259**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

SEN. DAVE LEWIS (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 259, Land transfer to public ownership requires noxious weed control plan.

00:04:31

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Mr. Ed Tinsley, Lewis and Clark County Commissioner  
Mr. Tom Thompson, Lewis and Clark County Weed Board  
Mr. Bob Burns, Lewis and Clark County Weed Board  
Mr. Steve Johns, Lewis and Clark County Weed Board  
Mr. Bob Gilbert, President, Montana Weed Control Association  
Mr. Jeff Welborn, Montana Farm Bureau Board of Directors  
Mr. Jerry Marks, Missoula Weed Control District  
Ms. Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon  
Mr. Mike Volesky, Office of the Governor  
Mr. Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrower's Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

00:15:23

**Informational Testimony:**

Mr. Lauren Frazier, Montana Department of Transportation

00:16:40

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:25:46

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:26:57

**HEARING ON SB 277**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

SEN. DONALD STEINBEISSER (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 277, Special fuel users agricultural product temporary trip permit.

00:29:48

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Mr. David Jacobson, Anheuser-Busch

**Mr. Steve Snezek, Montana Grain Grower's Association**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

00:32:18

**Informational Testimony:**

**Mr. Lauren Frazier, Montana Department of Transportation**

00:32:54

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:36:54

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

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SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

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ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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